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Mahatma To Quit Aga Khan Palace?

Maxwell Promises To Consider Question Of Transfer

NEW DELHI, March 15.

Mr. Bhadri Datt Pande asked in the Legislative Assembly to-day whether in view of the fact that Mahatma Gandhi had lost two of his nearest and dearest in the palace, it was Government's intention to remove him to another place, because he should be feeling lonely there.

The Home Member: That will be considered, sir.

The medical and other facilities offered to Mrs. Gandhi before her death were explained by the Home Member in the Assembly at the question time to-day in answer to Mr. K. S. Gupta. He said that Government doctors concerned with the case were Col. Bhandari and Col. Shah. Col. Advani acted for Col. Bhandari for a short time. "In addition to such ordinary treatment as is possible in the case of an elderly patient suffering from chronic heart weakness, special measures such as the taking of cardiograms were employed when necessary and, as a last resort, a course of penicillin treatment was flown to Poona from Calcutta. A relative, Miss Manu Gandhi, was brought into the palace to help in looking after Mrs. Gandhi after the release of Mrs. Naidu in March, 1943. Trained nurses were made available for a short period in December 1943, and after that, Government agreed to allow Mrs. Jaiprakash Narain and Mr. Gandhi's grand-nephew, Kanu Gandhi, to live in the palace to help in nursing her. Dr. Sushila Nayyar was in the Aga Khan's palace throughout; Dr. Gilder was also there from February 1943 onwards. During her last illness, Mrs. Gandhi was also treated by Dr. Dinshaw Mehta and there was a consultation with Dr. Jivaraj Mehta. For a short period in February, she was treated, at her own request and that of Mr. Gandhi, by a well-known ayurvedic physician of Lahore Dr. Sharma. From the beginning of December 1943, when her last illness started, relatives were allowed to visit Mrs. Gandhi and a considerable number of them did so".

As regards the funeral rites, Gandhi expressed the wish either that there should be a public funeral, in which case he would not attend the ceremony himself, or that the funeral rites should be performed in the grounds of the Aga Khan's palace, in which case relations and close friends should be allowed to be present. The latter alternative was adopted, and the funeral took place accordingly in the presence of about 100 friends and relatives.

Replying to Pandit L. K. Maitra's question, the Home Member stated that Mr. Gandhi had been allowed to reply to condolence messages from relatives but not to those from others. Government had, however, offered, in any case where he wished this to be done, to inform the sender that the message had been conveyed to him.

Mr. Neogy: does this cover the condolence message reported to have been sent by the present Viceroy and by Lord Halifax?

The Home Member: I know nothing about that, Sir.

In reply to a further question by Pandit Maitra, the Home Member repeated his statement that there was no offer of release of Mrs. Gandhi and that his replies and those given by the External Affairs Secretary on March 13, should be sufficient to remove any misunderstanding that might have arisen.

Pandit Maitra asked what steps Government proposed to take to remove misunderstanding in America.

The Home Member: Government can do nothing to remove misunderstanding in other peoples minds. (Laughter).

Maulana Zafar Ali Khan asked the Home Member about Government's refusal to forward a letter addressed to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad by the Taj Company about his translation of the Holy Quran.

The Home Member replied that the letter was withheld in accordance with the rule under which correspondence with members of the Congress Working Committee was restricted to private and domestic matters with members of their families.

Sardar Mangal Singh: Cannot members of the Working Committee look after their private property: This letter concerned publication of a book which would bring him income.

The Home Member: Members of the Working Committee are like Government servants; They are not allowed to carry on business. (Loud laughter).

The Finance Member in reply to Mr. Krishnamachari explained how export surpluses arising from trade with non empire countries were dealt with. Any surplus arising from a favourable balance of trade in the course of a year, said the Finance Member, would be credited to India in sterling. In cases where India's trade balance with a difficult currency country was unfavourable, the requisite currency was supplied from the Empire Pool and recovered from India in sterling. All accruals to India of sterling in England from whatever source were eventually reflected in the sterling balances of the Reserve Bank.

The Home Member laid a statement on the table giving the number of security prisoners in detention in each province and the number of convicted persons undergoing imprisonment in connection with the Congress movement in each province as on January 1, 1944, the last date for which figures were available. Persons in detention numbered 7,710 and persons undergoing imprisonment in connection with the Congress movement numbered 14,133.

There was, he added, no particular recent review, the results of which could be stated as a whole. Out of about 21,000 detention orders made since the beginning of the war nearly 13,400 had been cancelled up to January 1 last.

To-day's Sheriff's Kasturba Meeting

The public meeting of the citizens of Bombay to mourn the loss of the late Kasturba Gandhi has been convened by the Sheriff of Bombay for to-day (Thursday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at Sunderabai Hall, Queen's Road.

Among the distinguished citizens who will address the meeting will be Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Kt., Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai, Sir Sorab D. Saklatvala, Kt., Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Sir Rustom Masani, Kt., the Hon. Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla, Sir Sultan Chinoy, Kt., Lady Premleela Thackersey and Rev. John McKenzie.

Coal Situation Improves

Complete Resumption Before Week-end?

LONDON, March 15

Further improvement occurred in the Welsh coalfield situation to-day.

The latest estimate is that by this afternoon's shift 80 per cent men will be back at work, leaving about 20,000 still out.

News of more collieries returning supports the forecast made yesterday by the Vice-President of the South Wales miners' federation, Mr. Alfred Davies, that there would be complete resumption before the week-end.—Reuter.

EDEN ON ANGLO-YUGOSLAV TALKS

WESTMINSTER, March 15: Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, told Parliament to-day that Britain hoped to have discussions on Yugoslav affairs with King Peter and the Prime Minister of the Yugoslav Government, during their visit to Britain.—Reuter.

'A Swindle And A Hoax'

Mr. A. F. S Talyarkhan writes:—Permit me to correct part of the report which appeared in your paper for March 13, wherein it is stated that I called the wrestling tournament "a swindle and a hoax."

What I said was that this professional wrestling in India has always been a swindle and a hoax. That apart, this last wrestling event was certainly no tournament.

Economic Sanctions Against Eire

Press Reactions To Announcement About Travel Restrictions

(From Our Special Correspondent)

LONDON, March 15.

Mr. Churchill's statement in the House of Commons yesterday, describing travel restrictions to Ireland as the first step to isolate Southern Ireland from the outer world during the critical period now approaching, suggests possible economic sanctions against Eire, such as, discontinuing the supply of coal, petrol, tea and other commodities.

To-day the reaction of the Irish people appears to be one of relief, for during the past three weeks rumours suggesting every possible development in Eire's relations with other countries had been widely current.

The "Irish Independent" says in this connection "Our people are wholeheartedly behind the Government in its policy of neutrality with full consciousness of duties which the policies impose. The Irish neutrality represents the united will of people and Parliament and it is a question of principle and not of expediency."

Mr. De Valera's Irish Press says: "To have complied with the request to remove the German and Japanese Legations would have been to compromise neutrality which the whole people supported since the beginning of the emergency." The newspaper points out that since the war started, the German and Japanese representatives had no means of communication with their countries save by cable which passed through London.

The "Times" says that even London officials do not doubt that Mr. De Valera sought to prevent the enemy diplomatists and their agents for passing information to their countries and he closed down the German wireless transmitting station as soon as he knew of it.

NO REVENGEFUL MOOD WILL DO

To-day's "Daily Herald" commenting editorially on the situation says: "Exasperating as the Irish attitude is, the British and the American public should not allow themselves to be goaded into a revengeful mood. The British and the American Governments would blunder badly if they took any measures against Eire which was not strictly confined to security purposes. Attempts to punish Ireland would certainly not increase security but they certainly would revive at full strength all old hatreds. The last war's postscript of bloodshed and error in Ireland should still be sufficiently vivid in British minds to warn us against needless stimulation of illfeeling. There must be no sanctions for the sake of sanctions. Those who clamour for them have short memories and short-sighted vision of the future."

Dr. Malan Supports De Valera

CAPETOWN, March 15: Dr. D. F. Malan, the South African Nationalist Opposition Leader, has cabled to Mr. De Valera to-day associating the "official opposition and a very large section of South African Citizens with Mr. De Valera's efforts to maintain Eire's neutrality."—Reuter.

SMUTS "DISSOCIATES HIMSELF"

CAPE TOWN, March 15: General Smuts in the House of Assembly today dissociated himself "on behalf of the great majority of people of South Africa" from a cable sent by the Opposition Leader, Doctor F. D. Malan, to the Eire Premier, Mr. Eamon de Valera, praising his stand on neutrality.

General Smuts added that he had not been approached in any way by Mr. de Valera with regard to the United States request to Eire to remove German and Japanese representatives but if he had been, he said, his answer would have been similar to those of Prime Ministers of Australia and Canada.—Reuter.

EDITORS MEET TOTTENHAM

Committee Considers Pre-Censorship Orders On Two Delhi Papers

NEW DELHI, March 15.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference began today in the "Hindustan Times" premises under the Presidency of Mr. S. A. Brelvi.

Among those attending the meeting are Sir Francis Low, Mr. Devadas Gandhi, Mr. J. N. Sahni, Mr. B J Kitchner Chief Press Adviser Government of India, Mr. A D Mani, Mr. B Shiva Rao, Mr. P D Sharma, Mr. K. Punniah, Mr A S Iyenger, Mr M Harris and Mr Shiv Narain Bhatnagar.

Subjects on the agenda include the ban on the publication of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's statements and the pre-censorship order on the "Hindustan Times" and the "National Call."

In the forenoon the Committee read reports from the Provincial convenors and considered the pre-censorship orders on "Hindustan Times" and "National Call" and also the reply received from the Government of India to the resolutions passed at the plenary session in Madras.

At the end of the discussion it was decided to see the Additional Home Secretary and obtain clarification of some of the points arising out of the correspondence.

Accordingly, the President Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Messrs. J N Sahni, Devadas Gandhi, B Shiva Rao, Sir Francis Low, K Srinivasan and A D Mani saw Sir Richard Tottenham and had a detailed discussion.

The Committee adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 10-30 a.m.—A. P.

KISAN SABHA OPEN SESSIONS

All Subjects Committee Resolutions Passed

BEZWADA, March 15.

The second day's session of the All-India Kisan Sabha resumed this afternoon with a record crowd of 60,000. All the resolutions which were earlier passed by the Subjects Committee were again moved and passed unanimously.

Resolutions on "Grievances of the State Peoples," "Defence Fund and Saving Certificates and "Food Procurement Policy" were also moved and passed.

Mr. B. Sambamurthy, ex-Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly was present today making a short speech in Telugu he said: "Even though there was a united demand for independence, Mr Churchill and his Government were not able to see clearly the present position in India. There was not a single party which stood in the way of granting independence to India immediately.

Dr. Adhikari who spoke next refuted the charge that the Communist Party dominated the Kisan Sabha and was using the Kisan platform for Communist propaganda.

Swamy Sahajanand Saraswathi winding up the Conference thanked the audience for turning up in larger numbers and adjourned the session amidst shouts of "Kisan Sabha Zindabad, Hindu-Muslim Unity, Inquilab Zindabad"; etc.—A. P.

(See Page 2)

Dohad Municipality Superseded

The Municipality of Dohad has been declared incompetent to perform its duties and has been superseded by the Bombay Government for a year, from March 8.

Pending the appointment of a new Committee of Management, the existing committee will carry on the Municipal administration.

CASSINO BOMBED

Improvement In Position Of Beachhead Front-Lines

Advanced Allied Hq. in Italy, March 15:

(From Reuter's special correspondent)

Cassino was bombed to-day by the greatest force of aircraft dropping the heaviest weight of bombs ever used in the Mediterranean theatre.

The bombing started at 8-30 hours and was continuous throughout the morning. It is estimated that about 3,000 sorties were flown. "Flying Fortresses", "Mitchells" and "Marauders" carried out the main attack blasting the German Cassino defences. Every type of fighter bomber also participated.

Immediately after the cessation of the bombing, British and American artillery took up the pounding of the German positions. Then infantry pressed forward extending the maximum pressure on the Germans in the Cassino area.

POSITION IN BEACHHEAD

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters March 15

Wednesday's communique stated:

LAND In the Beachhead, our frontlines were improved and an enemy pocket of resistance was cleared out.

On the main Fifth Army front and on the Eighth Army front, patrols were active.

ENEMY SCHOONER SUNK

NAVY: Naval forces continued to harry enemy coastal traffic on the eastern side of the Adriatic. During the night of March 13-14 British light coastal craft sank a south bound enemy Schooner close inshore among islands north of Sibensk.

AIR: Prenestina railyards at Rome and Orte and Terni railyards were attacked by Tactical Air Force medium bombers yesterday. A good concentration of bombs was reported. The M.A.A.F. flew nearly 900 sorties. Over the battle area approximately 45 enemy aircraft were active."—Reuter.

13 CONGRESSMEN ACQUITTED

Judgment In Two Murder Cases: Echo Of August Disturbances

CAWNPORE, March 15.

The District and Sessions Judge has sentenced Abdullah alias Bampo to transportation for life under Section 307 I.P.C. and to undergo five years' R.I, under Section 333 I P C for assaulting with deadly weapons the officer in charge of the police station of Juhi on August 30, 1943. Both the sentences will run concurrently.

In the Bachana and Berj Dafedar Murder cases 17 accused including 13 Congressmen were acquitted by the same Court. Two were transported for life under Section 307 read with Section 149 I.P.C.

In this connection it may be remembered that the murders took place during the August 1942 disturbances.—United Press.

Case Against Mani Adjourned

NAGPUR, March 15.

Mr. R. K Mishra, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur has adjourned the date of hearing of the case against Mr. A D Mani, editor of "Hitavada" from Friday to Monday next.

The adjournment was granted following a representation made by Mr. A K Ghose, News Editor of "Hitavada". Mr. Mani is at present in New Delhi in connection with the meeting of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference.—United Press

THREE DETENUS RELEASED

PATNA, March 15: Three detenus were released this morning from Patna Camp Jail unconditionally.—United Press.

WANDREKAR RELEASED

BANDRA, Wednesday.

Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, M.L.A., Dr. Lagu, and Mr. Indravadan Oza have been released from Nasik Jail today.

Gayda Killed In Raid Over Rome

The Rome radio reporting the death of Virgino Gayda, who for years was known as "Mussolini's Mouthpiece", said "Rome was attacked in several waves to-day. In the second wave numerous bombs were dropped in Tiburtino, Tusculano and Nmentano districts. The house of the journalist, Virginio Gayda, was also hit and the whole building collapsed. Gayda who was in his studio at his working desk was found dead under the debris.—Reuter.

MIRAJ, March 15: Wine-stores at Sulkund and Pangire and a wine-store and a "Chavadi" at Sangaon, all places in Kolhapur State, are reported to have been burnt down.—United Press.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MAY)

NEW YORK, March 15.

Previous Closing	20.70
To-day's Opening	20.72
Difference	+.02
To-day's Closing	20.73
Difference	+.03

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 15.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices':

General Motors dol. 59

Anaconda Copper Mining dol 26-7/8

United States Steel Common dol 53-3/4.

U. S. Steel Pref. unquoted

AIR BATTLES OVER BRITAIN

Raider Crashes In Flames In London Suburb

LONDON, March 15

British night fighters and ground defences fought one of the fiercest aerial battles of the year over Southern England last night when a strong German raiding force made a determined fire raising attempt on London.

Intense gun barrage compelled them to bomb haphazardly. The Germans lost nine aircraft—two of them being shot down over Holland by an intruder pilot. One raider crashed in flames in a London suburb, hundreds of people seeing it explode in mid air.

Working class houses were shattered in one district, while houses in a fashionable London Square caught the full force of showered incendiaries.

NAZI CONVOY ATTACKED

LONDON, March 15: An Admiralty 'communique' announced that British light coastal forces last night attacked a German convoy in the Straits of Dover sinking a small supply ship and damaging another and two boats.

AIR BATTLES OVER N. GERMANY

LONDON, March 15

The German News Agency reporting large scale air battles over northwest Germany this morning said that strong American bomber formations which were taking advantage of cloudy conditions over western and north-western Germany were attacked by squadrons of German fighters and interception planes. "Aerial combats are continuing along the course taken by the enemy formations," the Agency added.—Reuter.

BOMBER ATTACK ON TRAPPED GERMANS

Red Army's New Threat To Odessa-Lvov Railway

MOSCOW, March 15

Reuter's Special Correspondent cables: Not a single German has slipped through the Soviet trap that was closed between Nikolaiev and the Ingulets river. The Russians are driving in wedges from the north and west and dealing out terrible punishment to the trapped Germans.

Soviet bombers are hammering the Germans inside the ring. The Germans are undertaking mad counterattacks in the Proskurov region, according to the latest frontline dispatches to "Izvestia". In spite of this, the wedge driven by the Red Army into the German positions south of the town where the Odessa-Lvov Railway was cut several days ago has been widened.

ON UMAN FRONT

The Red Army sweeping forward on the Uman front below Zhmerinka in a new threat to the Odessa-Lvov Railway to-day threatens to throw the vital German rail link into an even greater chaos. The German position between Vinnitsa and the Bug has deteriorated sharply. The Red Army now has more than 50 miles of the left bank of the river firmly in its grip.

The Black sea port is already partly outflanked by Soviet troops within 15 miles from the north of it and is under direct threat from a rapid thrust along the railway from Apostolovo.

GOLD SALES IN INDIA

How United Nations Finance War Purchases

NEW DELHI, March 15

How the U.S.A. Government and His Majesty's Government obtain the rupees necessary for their disbursements in India was explained in the Council of State to-day by Mr. C. E. Jones, Finance Secretary, in reply to a question by Mr. G. S. Motilal.

The Finance Secretary said that the U. S. Government obtained rupees partly by selling gold in India through the agency of the Reserve Bank of India and partly by selling dollars to the Reserve and Imperial Banks. Purchases in India on behalf of H.M.G. were paid for partly from the proceeds of gold sales in India on behalf of H.M.G. and partly in Sterling.

GOLD SALE IN IRAN

Mr. Hossain Imam: Are Government aware that the U.S.S.R., U.K. and U.S.A. Governments have agreed to pay for sixty per cent of their requirements in Iran in gold? Have the Government of India tried to secure similar terms from H.M.G. and U. S. A.? If not, why not?

The Finance Secretary replied that Government had no information on the matter raised in the first part of the question. The U. S. Government were already defraying such expenditure as they had to meet in this country from the proceeds of sales of gold and dollars. Part of the expenditure of H.M.G. in this country was likewise met. It would, however, have been unreasonable to demand that sixty per cent of that expenditure should be met in gold.

In the first place, Mr. Jones explained, H.M.G. had already early in the war mobilised their gold stocks for the purchase from outside the sterling area of goods essential to the prosecution of the war.

Secondly, India, unlike Iran, lay with the sterling area and, lastly the magnitude of H.M.G.'s expenditure in this country was of a different order altogether from their expenditure in Iran.

STOP PRESS

BANGALORE BAN ON "VISVAKARNATAKA"

BANGALORE, March 14: The Government of Mysore have prohibited the publication of "Visvakarnataka" Kannada Daily in Bangalore City for a period of the year under the Defence of India Rules. The action has been taken in respect of an article published in that paper on January 22nd under the caption "Corruption Must Go."—A. P.

Govt. Sustains Another Defeat

Attack On "Abuse Of Powers Under D. I. R.": Assembly Adopts Nationalist 'Cut' Motion

NEW DELHI, March 15.

For the third day in succession the Opposition Parties in the Assembly combined to defeat the Government to-day when the House by 53 votes to 44 passed the Nationalist Party's cut motion moved by Pandit Lakshmi Kant Maitra to reduce the demand under Home Department by Rs. 100 to discuss "the abuse of powers under the Defence of India Act and Rules".

For Scheduled Castes' Uplift

The interests of the scheduled castes in Post-War Re-construction schemes were strongly urged in the course of the debate in the Assembly on Rao Bahadur N. Sivaraj's cut motion, which was eventually talked out.

Mr Sivaraj said that in India it looked as though unless special steps were taken to formulate schemes with the definite intention of benefiting the Depressed Classes, no good would be done to that community.

Mr. Sivaraj urged that post-war schemes should not be postponed until after the war, as the Scheduled Castes could not wait for anybody. Turning to the Sargent scheme, he said that the educational policy of the Government had not proved to be an advance on the ancient Hindu plan.

He said that the Scheduled Castes' Conference was preparing a scheme to be submitted to the Government of India which would prove beneficial to the Depressed Classes. He wanted a separate fund to be instituted for the benefit of his community.

BOMBAY PLAN'S DEFECT

Mr. Husseinbhai Laljee, Leader, Independent Party felt sorry that very few members were present during this important debate.

"We have all along done nothing for the Depressed Classes for more than 200 years," he went on to declare. Even in the Bombay Plan, no mention had been made of the Scheduled Castes. In our own selfish interest we saw that our servants' quarters were kept clean, and that our servants were vaccinated.

Mr. Piyarelal Kureel made a vehement speech in which he asked for more representation of the Scheduled Castes on the various Post-war Reconstruction Committees.

Mr. Piyarelal Kureel said that the Scheduled Classes had nothing in common with the caste Hindus, who regarded them as untouchables. Speaking with great feeling, he said that the opposition had called the Government members traitors, and he wanted to speak what he thought of the caste Hindus.

Mr. N. M. Joshi, speaking in support of the cut motion, said that there was justification for the complaint that some sections did not show enough interest in the debate.

He said that five crores of rupees demanded for the amelioration of Scheduled Castes was too modest a figure. "Cease to be modest, otherwise you will not be taken seriously. Ask for hundreds of crores or thousands of crores." (Laughter).

PLEA FOR 10 YEAR PLAN

Mr. Joshi asked for a ten-year plan to bring the Scheduled Castes up to the level of the others in education.

Mr. Abdul Qualyum, said that on previous occasion they had made the position of the Congress Party clear. They had the fullest sympathy for the Depressed Classes. The Congress had no faith in the Post-war Reconstruction Committee, which were designed to reconstruct the country as a sub-economic unit which could be exploited by the British capitalists. "We are trying to get rid of this Government."

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar replying said that Government was completely in sympathy with the objects of the motion and had prominently placed before itself the interests of the Scheduled Castes with reference to Post-war Reconstruction. It was Government's intention, desire and policy to see that the interests of the Scheduled Castes were fully safeguarded.

The motion was talked out.

"ABUSE OF POWERS UNDER D. I. R."

Pandit Lakshmi Kanta Maitra, moving that the demand under the head Home Department be reduced by Rs. 100 to discuss "the abuse of Powers under the Defence of India Act and Rules," said that lawyers whose only offence was defending the accused in political cases were arrested under the Defence of India Act. It would be recalled that the Lord Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court exclaimed that the D. I. R. had paralysed them. Subsequently, the Chief Justice remarked "I will not allow the atmosphere of the Court to be influenced by political considerations."

The Chief Justice of Lahore High Court poignantly observed in the Pardivala case that not only did the Government ignore and flout the Legislature but also the judiciary. Pandit Maitra said this was from a British Chief Justice, not a Congress agitator.

Mr. N. M. Joshi was prepared for certain special and additional restrictions on civil liberties of citizens in times of war, but these should be in connection with the defence of the country.

"STUPID ORDER" ON IMAM

Sir Yamin Khan said he had made a great mistake in supporting the Defence of India Act in the House: He had not then realised that the weapon placed in Government's hands would be misused. He referred to the instance in which he said that the Prophet's Day procession had been prevented in Nagpur.

Sir Mohamed read out the text of an Urdu order served on Mr. Hossain Imam, Member of the Council of State, in which the S. D. O. Gaya, asked Mr. Imam to appear before him at 10 a.m. on March 15 to show cause why he should not be impri-

soned under Section 38 of the Defence of India Act as it was reported that he had not bought war bonds and had prevented others from buying war bonds (cries of shame shame).

Sir Yamin said it amounted to a misuse of the powers under the Defence of India Act and was a most stupid order.

Sardar Sant Singh gave instances of misuse of the rules and said that persons who were not paying land revenue had been forced to pay it under the D.I.R.

Mr. Rangiah Naidu alleged that the duty of collecting money from villages for War Funds had been entrusted to so many different officers, that the villagers were being forced to pay many times over on the same account.

HOME MEMBER'S REPLY

The Home Member Sir Reginald Maxwell replying to the debate said "It is a pleasure to me to take part in one more debate on the D.I.R. before I quit India (laughter. A voice: is it no longer an offence to use the slogan "Quit India?"), and particularly on this occasion when the Congress Party are present to take part in the debate, no doubt with the full concurrence of the Parliamentary Board." (More laughter.)

Explaining how the Act had been actually used the Home Member said that since the beginning of the war, the number of convictions in India under the Act was 94,500. But of these some 43,500 were non-political cases, dealing with matters entirely separate from those which interested the speakers in this debate. The actual number of persons convicted and undergoing imprisonment under these rules was 8,972 on Jan. 1. That he urged was not a record of oppression when it was remembered that the war had lasted four and a half years and that some 300 million people lived in India.

DETENUS

The number of persons detained without trial, said the Home Member, was about 5,000 on January 1, compared to the peak of 17,572. That meant that up to that date some 12,000 persons who had been detained had already been released by the authorities who had ordered their detention.

He maintained that instances of the kind alleged by the speakers were not enough to establish a case against the rules as such.

No case he submitted had been made out for the cut motion.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum (Congress) appealed all the elected members of the House to vote for the 'cut' motion.

The House passed the 'cut' motion by 53 votes to 44 and adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

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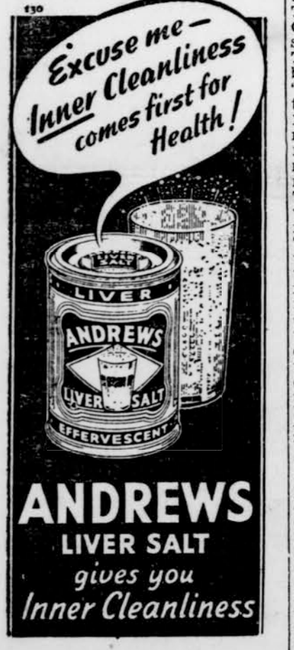

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A nation becomes whatever she believes herself to be. She is made great, not by her relative superiority, but by her thought about herself. It becomes important, therefore, to ask what conception of her own nature and power forms the inheritance of India. —SISTER NIVEDITA.

The Bombay Chronicle

KISANS IN CONFERENCE

The All-India Kisan Sabha, the 8th annual session of which is now being held at Bezwada, is the only institution that specially represents the peasants of India and is a force to be reckoned with by other political bodies and the Government. Government have permitted the session to be held because the Sabha is strongly anti-Fascist and supports the war. But they are not enamoured of its sturdy nationalist anti-communal attitude and its support to the Congress demand for a truly National Government. They threw several difficulties in its way by restricting the Kisan delegates' movements. Yet it appears the session is attended by a large number of delegates. The Sabha's claim to represent 80 per cent of India's population just because 80 per cent of the people live directly or indirectly on agriculture is doubtless more an ideal than a fact. But it is a great thing that, like industrial Labour, the Kisans are absolutely non-communal and bound together by common economic ties. This is a great feature which must be steadfastly promoted, particularly because it is a powerful antidote to communalism and communal fanaticism.

The relations between the Sabha and the Congress are fairly cordial, many workers being common to both the bodies. In his presidential address Swami Sahajanand said: "The Congress is a mere concrete form of the national will against foreign domination, and as long as that domination is there, the necessity of the Congress will remain. That is why we have always demanded and continue to demand unconditional release of Congress leaders." The Sabha does not accept the Government view that Congress started the sabotage movement. The main resolution, as adopted by the Subjects Committee, states: "After the provocative arrests of the national leaders in August 1942 and due to the indiscriminate bureaucratic repression that followed, the angered people were misled to acts of sabotage of the means of national defence. etc. This situation was taken advantage of by the treacherous fifth column for its nefarious end." The Sabha's political demands, too, are virtually the same as those of the Congress. The draft resolution says that for the defence of the country a national coalition government, responsible to the legislature and to the people of India and functioning both at the Centre and in the Provinces is essential. The resolution also states that "this war can effectively be converted into an Indian peoples' war, only when it is fought under the leadership of a National Government and with the willing and hearty co-operation of the people of India." We have no doubt the resolution will be adopted by the plenary session without any material changes. For, as the preamable states, the resolution seeks "to restate the basic policy of the Sabha in the present situation, as laid down in its resolutions unanimously passed during the last two years." We hope that the Sabha will not, like several other bodies, be content with passing resolutions but will do everything necessary to press them on Government. Ceaseless vigorous agitation will be in their own interests as well as in those of the country.

One More Defeat

The motion moved in the Central Assembly by Sir Muhammad Yamin Khan asking for the appointment of a Committee of the Central Legislature to scrutinise Government expenditure and suggest economy in it, embodied a modest and reasonable demand and ought to have been accepted by Government. That the expenditure is now colossal is not denied by anybody. There is also much laxity in it. Mentioning examples of extravagance and lack of control, Sir Muhammad said that he knew of an instance in which two lakhs of shoes were purchased by the Government from Cawnpore and they were found to be for one foot. The Finance Member himself admitted and regretted the existence of liberty and corruption. He even accepted the principle of the motion. But he opposed the motion on the frivolous ground that it involved administrative difficulties in the working of the proposed Committee. Once the need for the supervision of expenditure by the representatives of the people who pay the taxes is established, administrative facilities for the supervision must be provided, however inconvenient it may be to officials accustomed to bureaucratic methods. However, in spite of Government's opposition the motion was passed by a majority of 55 votes to 46. The series of Government's defeats tells its own tale. The people have no confidence in the Government.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Eyes On Eire

The inference is unavoidable from the statement made by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons that the relations between Eire on the one hand and Britain and America on the other are heading towards a crisis. The Prime Minister observed that if a catastrophe were to occur to the Allied armies which could be traced to the retention of the German and Japanese representatives in Dublin, a gulf would be opened between Britain and Southern Ireland which even generations would not bridge. This is undoubtedly true and the Anglo-American Governments are perfectly entitled to take whatever precautions are necessary for the security of their armies. But the fact is that the present deplorable impasse is itself due to the gulf that has existed between Britain and Ireland for centuries. Britain has done nothing to bridge that gulf—but fortunately it has done nothing to widen it either during the last five critical years of the war. That is why one deplores all the more the abrupt demarche made by the U. S. Government and that too in a minatory tone. After all, the present situation has not supervened all of a sudden and the dangers of espionage during the opening of the second front could have been easily visualised. If both Britain and America had opened this question in time and sought the voluntary co-operation of Eire—without seeking to violate her neutrality in any way—one feels that such negotiations would have had a fair chance of success. The die is however cast now and such reflections are futile. One only hopes that Allied sanctions—and their inevitable Irish reactions—will be no more than strictly warranted by the situation.

The Stirbey Mystery

It is not the first time that rumours about peace-feelers from the Balkan States have been current. Usually there has been more shadow than substance in such reports. The impending visit of Prince Barbu Stirbey, the 74-year old Rumanian statesman, to Cairo for conversations with the Allied authorities, however, is clear testimony that, to put it at the least, certain sections of Rumanian opinion are anxious to cut their losses and to square up with the Allies before the flood-time of the Red Army bursts upon their country. The exact status of Stirbey 'vis-a-vis' the Antonescu Government remains a mystery and it hardly seems possible that Marshal Antonescu will openly authorise such approaches to the Allies at a time when the Nazi grip over his country is being sharply tightened. Nor is it known how much support the Princely emissary enjoys from M. Maniu, the peasant leader, and other democratic elements in Rumania. The fact that the Allies are paying serious attention to the Stirbey mission and that the Soviet has countermanded its earlier order to its Ankara representatives to ignore the Rumanians is extremely significant. The world in general and the Balkan people in particular are anxiously awaiting further light to be thrown on the Stirbey mystery.

"Meezan"

"Meezan" is the name of a paper just started at Hyderabad-Deccan. It is published in three languages, English, Urdu and Telugu, a fairly big venture in these days. "Meezan" is an Arabic word meaning "balance" and suggesting justice and impartiality. So the paper says: "We have adopted a symbol and a name that compels us to champion every good and noble cause and to challenge everything that goes against the dignity of man or retards his progress. .... Without offering our allegiance to this or that party or section, here or elsewhere, it will always be our aim to lend our wholehearted support to any progressive measure or policy irrespective of the source from which it emanates." The paper also hopes to help in "the solution of internicine conflicts and to the realisation of long-cherished national ambitions in India." In its efforts to achieve these high aspirations we wish the paper—or rather the three papers—every success.

DENA BANK MAKES RAPID PROGRESS

25th Branch Opened At Share Bazar: Shroff On Pranlal's Six Years' Record

Before a large and distinguished gathering consisting mainly of share-brokers, Mr. K. R. P. Shroff, the President of the Bombay Stock Exchange performed the opening ceremony of the Dena Bank Share Bazar Branch at the Stock Exchange Trading Hall on Wednesday evening.

Glowing tributes to the dynamic personality Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanji the prop. and pillar of the Dena Bank, and his spirit of public service as embodied in his multifarious banking activities were paid by several speakers on the occasion. The speakers also acclaimed the Bank as one of the best institutions of its type in India. They further referred to the splendid progress made by the Bank with 25 branches opened within six years of its existence and expressed the hope that the newly-opened branch would not fail to give the necessary facilities to the share-brokers. With an unanimous voice they exhorted the share-brokers and the general public to give their solid co-operation to the new branch.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Sir C. B. Mehta, Seth Shantikumar Morarji, Seth Chatrabhuj Gordhandas, Mr. J. C. Setalvad, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Behram Karanjia, Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. P. N. Mehta, Mr. Jiwalal Pratapshi, Mr. Ratanchand Hirachand, Mr. Ratilal Nanawati, and Managers of various banks including the Bank of Baroda, Bank of Jaipur, Union Bank, Canara Industrial Banking Syndicate, and the Exchange Bank.

Drinks, 'pan-supari' and flowers were freely distributed.

OPENING CEREMONY

The premises of the new branch situated at the Dena Bank House, Hamam Street, Fort, were gaily decorated in the morning when its opening ceremony was performed. Mr. Pravinchandra V. Gandhi, the Managing Director of the Bank welcomed the guests. Mr. S. Y. Swami, the Manager performed the Ganpati pujah. Kumari Bharati A. Seth placed the "Kumbha". Mr. K. R. P. Shroff, the chief guest of the morning then declared the branch open. He also opened the first accounts of the branch, Seth Amritlal Kalidas, the Vice-President of the Native Stock and Share Brokers' Association following him up.

Large number of accounts were then opened, and a number of lockers were rented in the safe deposit. The morning ceremony ended with garlanding of the chief guests.

PRANLAL WELCOMES GUESTS

Welcoming the guests at the evening function, Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanji observed that his joy and happiness on the occasion were of a three-fold nature. He was happy in the first instance because it was the 25th branch that was opened. Secondly, it was opened in the Share Bazar with which he and his late father had long-standing connections; and thirdly, he was glad to have the opening ceremony performed by Mr. Shroff who was a great friend of the Bank and evinced a keen interest in its working.

One of the cherished desires of his father who was an old member of the Share Bazar and whose name the Bank bore, was to have a bank on the lines of the Central Bank of India. He believed, that way, he would be rendering valuable service to the Commercial public. Mr. Pranlal was satisfied that this desire was fulfilled in 1938 with the establishment of the Dena Bank.

BANK'S PROGRESS

Dealing with the factors which had led to the rapid rise of his bank, Mr. Pranlal stated that stability was the key-note of a sound bank. Believing that the public deposits were of the nature of a "trust money" he prayed every morning for the safety of the money of his clients. Along with stability, integrity and efficiency also contributed substantially to the successful working of a bank. He also believed that every banking institution owed a service to the public, and its value could be measured only in terms of such service. Banks founded on these principles and on the sheet-anchor that "if we take care of the advances and investments, the deposits will take care of themselves," had nothing to fear. The principles described were the pillars on which was based the grand structure of the Dena Bank with the result that their deposits had swelled to well-nigh over Rs. 4 1/2 crores in 21,000 accounts, which was by all means a great achievement.

In conclusion, Mr. Pranlal assured the share brokers that following in the footsteps of the late Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala of the Central Bank he would try to do away with as many unnecessary formalities as possible under the Banking Act, so as to give the share brokers the best efficient service possible.

Shroff Declares It Open

Declaring the branch open Mr. K. R. P. Shroff observed that he was glad to do so because banks had a close connection with the Stock Exchange, and general directors of the Dena Bank were reputed brokers of the Share Bazar.

Paying a tribute to Mr. Pranlal Mr. Shroff stated that the former by his ability, amiable nature and perseverance had come to occupy a prominent place in the public life of the city, and was rendering meritorious service to the commercial community of the country in his capacity as the President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber. By his wise and able management of the Dena Bank during the last six years, he had earned out a name for himself in the banking world. He hoped that following in the footsteps of the late great and able financiers and industrialists like J. N. Tata, Sir Shapurji Bharucha, Premchand Raichand, Sir Sorabji Pochkhanwala, F. E. Dinshaw and Sir Sassoon David, Mr. Pranlal would give the best and fullest of his knowledge and experience in the development of Indian banking.

SIX YEARS' PROGRESS

Proceeding Mr. Shroff pointed out that much of the commercial and industrial prosperity of a country depended upon its banks. There was great field for banking in India. The main aim of a banking institute, according to the speaker, should be to help the commerce and industry of the country. It was with this object that Dena Bank was started six years ago, and he was satisfied to find its slow but steady rise. At present there were 21,000 accounts in the bank with a working fund of Rs. 4-1/2 crores. This was the result of careful and wise and far-sighted management of the bank.

In the conclusion Mr. Shroff hoped that the members of the Share Bazar would give all possible encouragement to the Bank, and that the organizers of the Bank would extend all possible facilities to the brokers whose banking needs they knew too well. He prayed that the Bank might prosper day by day.

Sir Chunilal B. Mehta observed that the Dena Bank by its six years' working had proved itself quite successful. If "the 15 year-plan" at all came into force banks would play a prominent part in financing it. There was therefore enough field for banking in the country.

Mr. M. A. Master who spoke next agreed with Mr. Shroff in all that he had said about the Bank, and hoped that the Bank would open more branches in the near future.

APPEAL TO SHARE-BROKERS

Mr. Amratlal Kalidas exhorted the share brokers to give their solid support to the Bank in the stability of which he had full confidence.

Mr. Kakalbhai B. Vakil said that the main characteristic of the Dena Bank was the spirit of service in which it worked. He advised the members of the Stock Exchange to take full advantage of the over-draft system of the new branch.

Mr. Markandrai B. Mehta, President of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Clerks' Association hoped that the members of his Association would get sufficient facilities from the Bank

Mr. Chunilal Devkaran Nanji proposed a vote of thanks to the chair which was seconded by Mr. Pravinchandra V. Gandhi. The meeting dispersed with the garlanding of the President.

KISAN SABHA TO RESCUE OF SUGAR-CANE GROWERS

Plea For Enquiry Into Their Grievances: Joshi Denies "Communists Were Strong Supporters Of British Govt."

BEZWADA, March 15.

The Central Kisan Council met this morning for an hour "in camera" after which the Subjects Committee resumed general discussion and passed four resolutions on the sugar-cane problem, greetings to the Chinese people, the "Grow More Food Campaign" and "prevention of famine in Rayalaseema."

Delegates from Bengal and Kerala invited the Sabha to hold the next session in their respective Provinces but after some discussion on the subject, it was finally decided to hold it in Kerala next year.

GREETINGS TO CHINESE

Following are the resolutions passed by the Subjects Committee of the A.-I. K. S. this morning:—

1. Mr. Kasher Singh China, Punjab, who recently returned from a tour of China gave a vivid and specific picture of conditions in wartime China and moved a resolution extending heartfelt greetings to the Chinese people in their heroic fight against Japanese imperialism.

SUGAR-CANE WORKERS

2. On the sugar-cane and gur problem, Mr. Harshadeva Malaviya moved a resolution condemning the policy of robbing the poor cane-growers of their dues and demanding that a Committee be set up by the Government's of U. P. and Bihar with representatives of the canegrowers, the Kisan Sabha and the millowners to go into the problem of sugar-cane cultivation.

"GROW MORE FOOD"

3. Mr. Atul Jhahania (Punjab) moved the following resolution on "Grow More Food."

In order to facilitate the "Grow More Food Campaign" the All-India Kisan Sabha demands that Governments concerned should adopt forthwith the following measures for removing the obstacles in the way of the Kisans: To make all cultivable waste land available for cultivation; to supply tested seeds and cheap manure to the real cultivators; to give greater irrigation facilities by undertaking irrigation projects and to declare moratorium on all agricultural debt and loans advanced to Kisans by Government during the pendency of war, and to pass legislation for reducing the burden of rent and taxes of the cultivator and restore to Kisans their land which was transferred or from which they were evicted in 1943 owing to famine conditions.

FOR BAYALASEEMA RELIEF

4. On prevention of famine in Rayalaseema a fourth resolution was moved by Narsimha Reddi which reads:—

A.-I. K. S. urges upon the Government to take up all minor and major projects under Famine Relief work. It will not only help the peasant in tiding over the famine but aid him in future to grow more food crops. This Sabha, therefore, demands that the projects namely Pennarkumudwati, Upper Pennar, Perur, Byaravanithippa and Tungabhadra, Sangameswaram and Gandikota be taken up without delay.

CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS

BEZWADA, March 15: Cultural demonstrations were held last night in connection with the All-India Kisan Sabha. These included a zamin ryot ballet, tea estate dances, Burrakatha narration and Stalingrad and Moscow reconquest songs.

Mr. P. C. Joshi formally opening the show denied the charge that Communists were strong supporters of the British Government. The Communists all over India, specially in Andhra and Bengal, were working for famine-relief and also protesting against hoardere demanding fair price for Kisans. Was this helping the Government?—A. P.

MRS. NAIDU AT DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 15: Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived here to-day from Hyderabad.—A. P.

The Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri left for Madras on Wednesday by the Madras Express.—A. P.

PATROL CLASHES IN KABAW VALLEY

Enemy Activity In Chin Hills

ASSAM-BURMA FRONT March 11.

During the last four days in patrol clashes in the Kabaw Valley on the Assam-Burma Front our troops have caused the Japanese well over fifty casualties—35 of them killed for certain, writes a 14th Army Observer. Our own losses have been negligible.

In one case in the Chin Hills our troops fought a 20-minute battle with enemy estimated to number seventy. Before the fight was broken off, the enemy suffered 20 killed or wounded. The second clash was in the Atwin-Tomas area, where we sprang on a Japanese ambush and killed four. Both engagements are typical of the unceasing patrol activity in wild country, where our men keep the ascendancy in constant swift and sudden encounters.

In the Razabil "Fortress" area during 14th March, our troops occupied additional strong points located on high ground to the east and north-east of the cross roads, says an Allied War Communique issued from Headquarters South East Asia Command. Engineers following closely behind our infantry have removed obstructions and repaired damaged roads.

In the Kaladan, there was patrol activity on both sides.

On 14th March the enemy column operating on our right flank in the Chin Hills continued its movement northward and contact has been made with elements of this column in the area north-west and north-east of Tiddim. Our troops repulsed several Japanese attacks in this area and also in the Kabaw Valley.

In North Burma mortar and artillery duels are features of the steady advance by Chinese troops driving the enemy south from Walabum in the Hukawng Valley. On the flanks contact with the enemy is being maintained south-west of Lalawn Ga and Chinese forces are advancing east of Galun Ga.

On 13th and 14th March dive-bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters attacked objectives in the Chin Hills, Chindwin north-west Burma and near Buthidaung. There was a dive-bombing attack on a Japanese Headquarters north-east of Homalin, most of the bombs falling in the target area.

DR. VIEGAS CUP

St. Xavier's High School Triumphant

In the replay of the final of the Dr. Viegas Cup Hockey Tournament the St. Xavier's High School defeated the I.M.M.T.S. "Dufferin" by a solitary goal at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground Parel, on Tuesday. The issue was keenly contested on both occasions and, but for a mistake on the part of the Dufferin custodian, it would have remained undecided on that day. However the Xavierians were deserving winners as they had, on the whole, the larger share of the exchanges.

COMPETITION FOR BOYS UNDER 16

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. J. C. Maitra, President of the Tournament Committee, heartily congratulated the winners and thanked all those who had helped to make the Tournament a success. He then referred to a suggestion made by Rev. J. Menezes of the Don Bosco High School that a separate tournament should be started for boys under sixteen. Mr. Maitra assured him that his Committee would try to inaugurate one next season.

Dr. J. Alban D'Souza, presiding, complimented the Parel Sports Club on the excellent work they have been doing in the northern part of the city in conducting half a dozen competitions for men, women and school boys. Addressing the boys, Dr. D'Souza stressed on the principle of "playing the game" on and off the field.

After Dr. D'Souza distributed the trophies and prizes, the gathering dispersed.

POONA, March 15: A military lorry carrying a party of Indian soldiers turned turtle at Arsenal Road, Poona, this morning. One of the occupants was killed and several injured.—A. P.

Refusal To Sell Cloth—An Offence

BOMBAY, March 15.

The Controller-General of Civil Supplies to the Government of India has issued the following Press Note:

A number of complaints have been received to the effect that shops ordinarily dealing in woollen and silk fabrics are now refusing to make sales of cloth and insist on the customers purchasing made-up garments.

This is obviously being done with a view to defeating price control of such fabrics. Refusal by a dealer to supply cloth is an offence under Section nine of the Ordinance which is aggravated by requiring the customer to purchase made-up garments, inasmuch as Section 6 of the Ordinance prohibits the imposition of a condition requiring a person to purchase at the same time another article and the establishments concerned are warned that refusal to make sale of cloth as such requires the previous permission of the Controller-General or of an officer authorised in this benalf by the Controller-General.—A. P.

FINAL RANJI TROPHY MATCH

MADRAS, March 15

The Ranji Trophy Sub-Committee has fixed March 31st for the commencement of the final of the Ranji Trophy to be played to a finish. The venue for this match will be announced on the result of the semi-final between North vs. Western zone.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

According to Tom Driberg, M.P., Mr. Churchill's eldest daughter, Mrs. Duncan Sandys, wife of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, was sympathetically interested in the Commonwealth but it does not mean that she would become an opponent of her father for whom she retains profound and affectionate admiration for his war leadership. Moreover, Mr. Driberg adds, her personal loyalty to Mr. Churchill and her Tory husband will undoubtedly prevent her from taking active public part in Left Wing politics.

—London report.

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Lord Halifax has warned the Allies "not to be taken in by smooth words."

Thanks a lot. We will keep it in mind.

We wish the noble Lord had given us this warning when he was Lord Irwin and not Halifax!

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We do think it is a paradox and a contradiction in terms that so many people are worried about saving "Rome, the eternal city" from destruction.

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(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

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(2) *The highlight of this tournament will be an umpteen-round all-in bout between Bobby Talyarkhan and Abu Jasdenwala—no holds barred and the devil take the mike!*

(3) *Special stands are being erected to accommodate the huge rush of spectators and only unmovable seats made of cement concrete will be provided.*

(4) *Wrestling will be permitted only in the arena and not in the stands where strict non-violence will be maintained by a special posse of hefty 'pahelwans.'*

(5) *Women wrestlers will be encouraged to throw their weight about but in no circumstances will a woman be allowed to have it out with her rival by tearing each other's hair or gonging each other's eyes out.*

DYERS & PRINTERS ON STRIKE

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 15.

It is said that members of the Ahmedabad Dyes and Printers' Association do not get their cloth requirements to the tune of about 3,000 bales per month at the controlled rates from local merchants. As a protest against this the association has resolved to cease working their plants and go on strike from to-day for an indefinite period.

MAFATLAL CLOTH MILLS

SURAT, March 15.

A message from Navsari says: The Mafatlal Cloth Mills, Navsari, have put up a notice that as the present supplies of coal with them will last only for eight days, if fresh stocks do not arrive at Navsari within that period the mill will be closed down. The mill employs seven thousand workers.—A. P.

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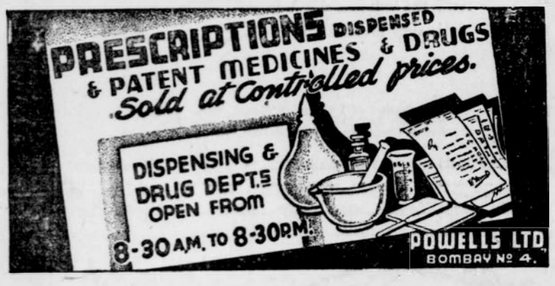

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

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Highride: 3-07, 16-12; Lowtide: 9-25, 21-38.
Municipal Corporation at 2 p.m. (B T).

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Swamiji Maharaj of Shri Chitrapur Math, Shirali will give a discourse on "Saguna Upasana" in Hindi today (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m., at Wasudeo Bhuvan, 2, Laburnum Road, Gamdevi.

WAR IN THE AIR: Wing Commander Paul Richey, the young and intrepid fighter pilot of the R A F whose exploits during the Battle of France in 1940 and elsewhere brought him twice the distinction of D F C and both the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre will broadcast a talk on "War In the Air" from the All India Radio, Bombay at 8-45 p.m. today (Thursday).

TENT WORKERS' UNION: Tent workers of the City and Suburbs have formed a Union under the presidency of Mr. G. L. Kandalkar.

BOMBAY NORTH CRICKET SHIELD TOURNAMENT: The General meeting of the Clubs, who submitted the entries for the Bombay North Cricket Shield Tournament, was held at the Pavilion of the New Hindu Sporting Club, on 5th inst., and it was decided to keep the last date of entry open upto Sunday (9th April) 9-30 a.m. and to hold immediately thereafter another general meeting of all the clubs who would be submitting their entries by that time, to pass the Rules of the Tournament and to take draws.

LATE SIR BHAGVATSINHJI OF GONDAL STATE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.
Under the auspices of Bharat Ayurvedic Pharmacy, a meeting of the citizens of Kariana Bunder locality was held at the said pharmacy under the presidentship of Dr. Manubhai Nagarsheth to express great regret at the sad demise of Sir Bhagvatsinhji the late Maharaja of Gondal State. A resolution to that effect was passed.

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GOVERNOR MEETS HONY. MAGISTRATES

BOMBAY, Wednesday.
His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, gave interviews to the prominent persons of the city at a meeting held this evening at Willingdon Sports Club, on behalf of the Honorary Presidency Magistrates Managing Committee, Bombay.
Those who interviewed the Governor were: Sir Leonard Stone, Chief Justice of Bombay, Sir Joseph Kay, Mrs. Shaffi Tyebji, Mrs. Jolleybehn H. Divatia, Lady Tarabai C. Mehta, Mr. M. M. Amersey, K. B. N. H. Bhiwandivala, Mr. Dawood H. Nasur, Prof. N. Mukale and Mr. Mohamed Taher.
Among those who participated, the prominent persons were: Messrs. Madhorao M. Bhatt, President of the Committee, D. Harichand, Vice-President. Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram, Purshottam Ishwar Das, Mrs. Dina D. Khandalawala, A. V. Sabnis, B. M. Bhargava, L. M. Navalkar, Dr. M. D. Joshi, N. M. Chinoy, J. P. Kadgara, Secretary of the meeting who introduced the persons to the Governor, and Gulamhusain Sonavala, Vice-President of the Indian Grain Department

Exhibition Of Greek Drawings And Paintings

BOMBAY, Wednesday.
In aid of the Greek Relief Fund, an exhibition of Paintings, Drawings, Sketches and Photographs of M. A. Paltov, was opened this evening, at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, Bombay.
Sir Homi Mody, the Chairman of the Greek Relief Appeal Committee declaring the Exhibition open said that the works of Paltov had secured a creditable place in the Art Galleries of Athens and other parts of the world. His art gave such an impressive account of that lovely country that it stimulated in us the desire to see Greece.
Greek Art and Painting, he continued, always had a profound and deep influence on civilisation. Even the conception of Democracy and Government were Greek in origin. Once again to-day the world was looking upon Greece with love and admiration.
Sir Homi made a fervent appeal to all to contribute generously to this cause.
The exhibition shows the historical maps of Greece and of her development. The collection consists of paintings in tempera, water colours and pastels, drawing in chalk and pencil and a series of photographs.—A. P.

Rice Merchant Acquitted By High Court

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Macklin and Mr. Justice Sen)
Brijlal Sunderlal Pardeshi ..Petitioner
(Original accused,
Versus
Imperator ..... Opponent.
The petitioner, a rice merchant of Bhor State, had been given a permit to take rice from that State to Poona by both the State authorities as well as the District Magistrate of Poona. In the course of transport to Poona the rice had to pass through part of Kolaba District where an order of its District Magistrate prohibited the removal of food grains from any place within it to any place outside it.
The petitioner was convicted and sentenced for breach of this order and the conviction was confirmed by the District Court of Poona. He then approached the High Court in Revision.
Setting aside the conviction their Lordships held, that on a fair and reasonable construction of the order prohibiting the removal of food grains from Kolaba District without a license, that order could not apply to consignments which passed through that District.
Mr. H. C. Coyajee with Mr. B. N. Gokhale appeared for the petitioner. The Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

ACCOUNT-KEEPING BY CLOTH-DEALERS

Under a recent amendment to the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers Licensing Order 1943, it was obligatory on the part of the cloth dealers to maintain accounts showing the quantities of cloth received and disposed of on each day. Numerous representations were received from the trade pointing out the difficulties in maintaing such accounts. The Government of Bombay has carefully considered these representations and has now deleted Clause 7C of the Licensing Order under which the accounts were required to be kept.

IRANIAN MISSION AT BENARES

BENARES, March 15
The Persian Educational and Cultural Mission headed by Aga Ali Askar Hikmat arrived here this morning by the Upper India Express. After visiting Sarnath in the afternoon and the Benares Hindu University to-morrow morning the Mission will leave for Allahabad by the Upper India Express.—A. P.

LATE LALA KRIPA NARAIN

LAHORE, March 15
A case of heart failure occurred in the precincts of the High Court this morning when Lala Kripa Narain, a leading Advocate of Delhi while going to the Court to appear in a case suddenly fell down in the verandah. Medical aid was summoned but the deceased expired within half an hour without regaining consciousness. Lala Kripa Narain was quite hale and hearty and recently shifted to Lahore.
As a mark of respect of the deceased, the High Court was closed for the day.—A. P.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 15.
SHARES: The Share Bazar was quietly steady with scattered selling but trading was restricted and price fluctuations were narrow. Tata Steel Dfd Shares opened at Rs. 2,185 and improved to Rs. 2,190 but reacted to Rs. 2,185 Ordinary Shares opened at

Active Shares At A Glance

T. S. Ord. (422) 426 28 23-8 24-8 22-8 23-8 24-8 24 25, T. S. Dfd. (2165) 2180 2200 2190 95 80 83 77 80 92 95 87 82-8, Dyeing (2116-4) 2125 20 25 21 27 12 17 12 17 22 20 27-8, Century (1045) 1045 50 45 40, Kohinoor (711) 715 13 11 12 13 11 15 13 16, Swadesh (605) 609 3 300 599 605, Nagpur (433) 436 34 35 30-8 31-8 26 32-8, Simplex (263, 436 34 65 61-8, New Great (418) 430 428 30 28 29 28 31, Swan (387) 392 90 85 88, Cement (222-8) 224 23-12 23-8 22-8 23 223

Rs. 426 and quietened at Rs. 424, Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,124 and steadied at Rs. 2,115, Century Mill Shares were quoted at Rs. 1,040 and Kohinoor Shares after opening at Rs. 715 Sagged to Rs. 711 Cash Section was steady with a moderate business and fully paid Rs. 5,000, Denabank Shares changed hands at Rs. 8,050 X. D. Tone was steady and trading was limited.
BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was quiet to-day with small business and quotations did not show any important change. Ready Gold Rs. 71-0-6, Forward Gold Rs. 70-15-9, Ready Silver Rs. 127-12 and Forward Silver Rs. 124-12.
COTTON: The local Cotton Market was quietly steady with a moderate business. At the opening May delivery was quoted at Rs. 446-8 and declined to Rs. 445-8 under scattered selling but lower level attracted some covering and quotation rallied to Rs. 447. Trading was restricted but undertone was steady.
Later on there was active buying and prices improved to Rs. 449/12. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:
I C C March Rs. 449, I C C May Rs. 449, I C C July Rs. 454-4, I C C Sept. Rs. 456-12.
HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
I C C March highest 450 lowest 446-1/2, closing 446-3/4, I C C May highest 451-1/4, lowest 446-1/2, closing 446-3/4, I C C July highest 456-1/2, lowest 452, closing 452-1/2, I C C September highest 458-1/2, lowest 454-1/2, closing 455.
COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York May 348 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.
COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 395, Central India 573, and Barsi 54 Hyderabad 43 Dholeras 1041, Rajputana 171, Broach 4,785, Total 7062.
COTTON ROOM RATES
Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 467 Sup. 457, Fine 447, F. Good 442; Broach Extra Spr-fine 467 Sup. 462, Fine 457 F. Good 452; L S S Pun/Ame Extra Spr-fine 585 Sup. 580, Fine 575, F. Good 570; 289 F. Pun/Ame Extra Spr-fine 630, Sup. 625, Fine 620 F. Good 615; S. G. 289 Extra Spr-fine 675, Sup. 670, Fine 665, F. Good 660; N T Sind/Ameri Extra Spr-fine 580, Sup. 575, Fine 570, F. Good 565; Sawgin Sind/Ameri Extra Spr-fine 620, Sup. 615, Fine 610, F. Food 605.
READY COTTON QUOTATIONS
Khandesh Jarilla old 270/300 new 350/380; Berar Jarilla old 310/320, new 400/420; 289 F. Jarilla old 480/520 new 600/625; N. T Jarilla old 450/460, new 550/560; 289 F Saw-ginned old 500/550 new 675/685.
NEW YORK COTTON
New York, March 14.
March 21.17—13, May 20.70—13, July 20.13—10, October 19.60—03, December 19.39—02, January 19.31—02, May highest 20.86+03 (10 a.m.), lowest 20.67—13 (2-32 p.m.) Middling Spot 21.66—11.
NEW ORLEANS COTTON
March 21.29—15, May 20.83—15, July 20.27—11, October 19.15—06, December 19.38, January 19.28—05, Middling Spot 21.01—15.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 10th day of March 1944.
ISSUE DEPARTMENT
LIABILITIES:
Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 7,75,42,000; Notes in circulation Rs. 883,41,80,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 891,17,22,000.
ASSETS:
A. Gold Coin and Bullion held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 776,83,96,000; Total of A. Rs. 821,25,39,000; B. Rupee Coin Rs. 11,59,13,000; Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 58,32,70,000; Total assets Rs. 891,17,22,000.
Ratio of total of 'A' to Liabilities 92.154 per cent.

Provincial Food Advisory Committee

A Provincial Food Advisory Committee is to be constituted by the Government of Bombay to advise it on food problems in the Districts.
Each District Food and Price Advisory Committee is to be asked to elect a representative to the Provincial body. Other members will be nominated by the Government.

KOLHAPUR JOURNALISTS MOVE FOR PRESS ADVISORY BOARD

POONA, March 15.
The Kolhapur Journalists Association at a meeting held on March 13 has demanded the setting up by the Kolhapur Government of a press advisory board on the lines of the Bombay Provincial Press Advisory Board.—A. P.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj will be held at the Podar College of Commerce, Matunga, (G.I.P.) on SUNDAY, 26th March, 1944 at 10 a.m.
4378

WANTED

TWO LADY SOCIAL WORKERS for the Raigarh State in C.P. They will have to move among womenfolk in both rural and urban areas and do all that might help to improve their cultural standard. The posts will carry scaled salary with benefits of State Provident Fund, Travelling allowance and free Houses. Candidates are requested to apply on or before March 30, 1944, to the undersigned, stating age, academic qualifications, specific qualities for the posts and salary that will satisfy them, with testimonials. Marriage is no restriction; on the other hand efforts might be made for employment in the State of qualified husbands. Languages spoken by the commonfolk in the State are Chhattisgari and Oria, but all can understand simple Hindi.
M. MANSINHA.
Educational Adviser, Eastern States, Sambalpur.
8098

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

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Applicants will not be seen except by appointment.
Closing date, the 25th March, 1944.
(8103)

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

CONSENT of the Central Government has been obtained under the Defence of India Rule 94-A for the issue of:—
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(8142)

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(Sd.) C. A. NAZARETH.
Dated, 15-3-44.
(4377)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 21st March 1944, that day being a Public Holiday (JAMSHEDI NAVROZ) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.
N. G. IRVINE.
Offg. Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 11th March 1944.
(8133)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

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(8132)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from persons of outstanding ability, integrity, organising capacity and personality for responsible administrative posts in India and Abroad (a) from those with business experience preferably of East African cotton or sugar or export of produce or cloth selling and (b) from persons holding high academic qualifications of a good (1) American or other Foreign University in Arts, Science, Commerce Business Administration, Textile or Sugar or Oil Technology or Chemical Engineering and (2) Indian University.
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(8140)

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for supply of (a) class books, including maps, charts, etc. (b) books for new curriculum, (c) books for the Teachers' Library, (d) drawing articles, (e) Sewing materials, (f) slates and slate pencils, (g) exercise books required for the Municipal Schools.
Conditions for the tenderers, the schedules of the above articles and tender forms for each item can be had on payment of Rs. 2 on personal application to this office on any working day from 10 a.m. (B.T.) to 4 p.m. (B.T.).
Sealed tenders accompanied by a deposit in cash, as stated in the conditions, should be handed over to the Superintendent of Accounts in this office on Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1944, between 11 a.m. (B.T.) and 1 p.m. (B.T.).
K. KHANDVALA,
Secretary, Schools Committee.
Gilder Tank Building,
Grant Road, Bombay,
Dated 15th March, 1944.
8141

TIMBER DIRECTORATE, BOMBAY

SEALED TENDERS to reach the undersigned before 5 P.M. on 23-3-'44 are invited for collecting and transporting packing case sides and other materials arising from these cases from places, about which detailed information can be had from the undersigned, to the new Timber Salvage Depot to be opened near Wadala Road Station G.I.P. Railway (Harbour Branch) and for dismantling the case sides etc. at the Timber Salvage Depot and stacking the recovered timber according to sizes and descriptions; extracting, sorting out in sizes and descriptions the nails, brackets, hoop iron and all other accessory materials.
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V. S. KUPPUSWAMY,
Director, Timber Directorate, Bombay.
(8137)

PUBLIC NOTICES

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of The India United Mills, Limited, will be closed from Friday, the 31st March, 1944, to Wednesday, the 26th April, 1944, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
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Bombay, 14th March, 1944.
(8135)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED on or before 10th April, 1944, for the post of Typography Artisan, Government Apprentice Scheme, Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Matunga, Bombay, in the scale of pay Rs. 45-5|2-60-E.B.-63-3-90. For further particulars and form of application please address to the Part-time Principal, Government Apprentice Scheme, V. J. Technical Institute, Matunga, Bombay, direct to whom the applications should be sent.
(8139)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VASANT SHALIGRAM SAO of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.
All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge trust maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 40-44, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax (Redeemed) land or ground with the messuage, tenements or dwelling houses standing thereon, situate, lying and being at the corner of Khattarali and Khattarali Cross Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the City and Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 149 3|4 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 140 (part) New Nos. 1116-1117, A|1244 and 1244 (part) Old Survey Nos. 440, 441 and 440(part) New Survey Nos. 7545 and 7546(part) Cadastral Survey Nos. 399 and 400(part) of Girgaum Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 'D' Ward No. 1043 and Old Street No. 34, New Nos. 53-55A and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Ramrao Gajanan Kashikar, on or towards the West by the Khattarali Lane, on or towards the North by the property of Wamanrao Govindrao Kandade and on or towards the South by the Khattarali Cross Lane.
Dated this 15th day of March, 1944.
FERREIRA & VALLABHDAS,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(8119)

NOTICE

NOORMAHOMED ILLAHIBUX and LALMAHOMED ILLAHIBUX have contracted to sell to our client Mrs. Sakinabai Karim Ahmed Somjee the undermentioned property. Any person making any claim of any sort against the said property is hereby required to notify the same to us within 14 days otherwise such claim will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

Piece of Pension and Tax land (since redeemed) with the messuage or dwelling house thereon situate on the Eastern side of Mahim Bazar Road (now called Cadell Road) in the Registration Sub-District and Island of Bombay, admeasuring 246 sq. yds. bearing Collectors Old No. 231 New No. A/3893 Old Survey No. 101, New Survey No. 1B/30, Cadastral Survey No. 918 of Mahim Division G Ward No. 5490, Street Nos. 67-67A and bounded on the East and South by the property of Dwarkadas Haridas on West by Cadell Road and on North by property of Vaizi Abdul Karim.
BHATT & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys,
5 Military Square Lane Fort,
Bombay
8126

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. KERSHASP NUSSERWANJI DADACHANJI, KHORSHED KERSHASP DUBASH and HOMAI NUSSERWANJI DADACHANJI, nephew and nieces respectively of the late Mr. Phirozshaw Pestonji Dadachanji being the administrator and administratrix to whom the Letters of Administration with the last Will and Testament of the said Phirozshaw Pestonji Dadachanji annexed of the property and credits of the said Phirozshaw Pestonji Dadachanji, Deceased have been granted on the 2nd day of March, 1944, have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.
All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All those pieces or parcels of leasehold land or ground being Six Plots situate on the Elphinstone Estate together with the messuages, tenements and buildings standing thereon situate at THANA STREET, admeasuring 426 2|9, square yards, 1142 7|9 square yards, 1483 square yards, 1845 square yards, 1478 square yards 1152 square yards (the last four plots respectively known as Plot No. I, Plot No. II, Plot No. III and Plot No. IV respectively of the Elphinstone Estate) making together 7527 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 3186 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 110 of Princess Dock Division and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under B. Ward No. 4451(2), Street No. 144, MASJID SIDING ROAD, B Ward No. 4452(1), Street Nos. 3 @ 7, THANA STREET, B Ward No. 4452 (1A), Street Nos. 72 @ 74B FRERE ROAD AND THANA STREET, B Ward Nos. 4452 (3), (4), (5), Street Nos. 9 @ 15, 17 @ 25, 27 @ 33 THANA STREET and B Ward No. 4452 (6), Street Nos. 35-37-39, 79-81 THANA STREET AND ARGYLE ROAD which said premises are comprised in and demised by the Six Indentures of Lease each dated the 19th day of November 1930 made between the Trustees of the Port of Bombay of the one part and Phirozshaw Pestonji Dadachanji of the other part and registered in the Rent Rolls of the Bombay Port Trust under No. 1083, 1082, 1084, 1085, 1086 and 1067 respectively.
Dated this 13th day of March, 1944.
AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(8125)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sardar Sir SULEMAN CASSUM HAJI MITHA., Kt., and Mr. MAHOMED SULEMAN CASSUM, the Surviving Trustees of the Deed of Wakf dated the 2nd day of December, 1931, have agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.
ALL persons having any claim to or upon or interest in the said property by way of mortgage, charge, inheritance, lease, sale, gift, lien, or otherwise, howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the same if any will be considered to have been waived and the purchase will be completed without any regard thereto.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece of land, situate on the South side of Sandhurst Road in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay, together with the hereditaments and premises standing thereon which piece of land has been computed to contain a total area of eight hundred and eighty-two square yards or thereabouts and which is bounded on the North by Sandhurst Road, on the East by Kumbharwada Street, on the South partly by the property belonging to the Board and bearing Street Nos. 34-44, Kumbharwada Street and partly by the property belonging to Bai Zenaboo, widow of Abdul Hoosein Rahimtoola and on the West by Northbrook Street which said piece of land is known as Plot No. 9, on the said Sandhurst Road Estate of the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay and which said piece of land forms a portion of the lands belonging to the Board and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey Nos. 5036 to 5039, 4984 to 4986 and Cadastral Survey No. 3011 of Bhuleshwar Division and are assessed by the Municipality formerly under C Ward Nos. 7638, 7639, 7701 and 7704, Street Nos. 46, 48 and 56A 27, 29 and 45 and now under Ward 5(c) Ward Nos. 7637 (2) and 7639 (1) and 7701-03 and Street Nos. 202-204, 183-195, 185-191.
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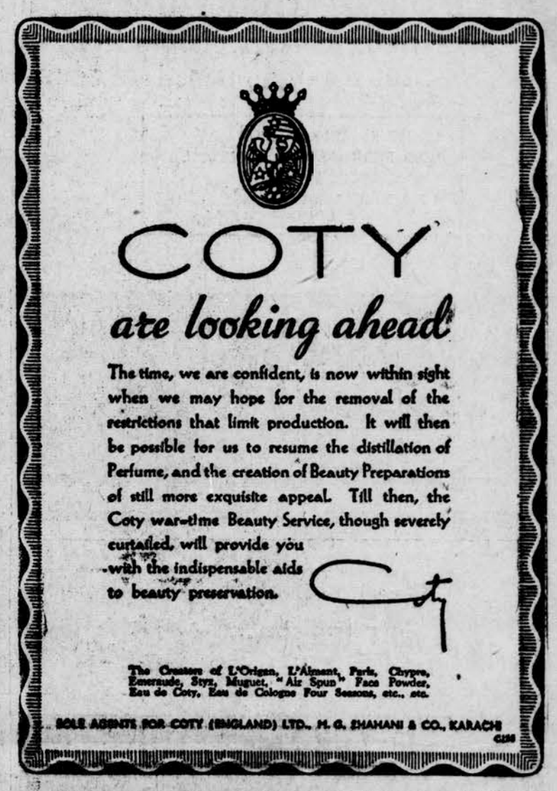
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